

REMARKS

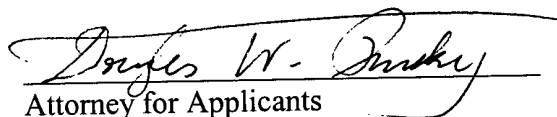
Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 are in independent form.

The specification has been amended to correct grammatical, idiomatic typographical and clerical inadvertencies. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Attorney for Applicants  
Douglas W. Pinsky  
Registration No. 46,994

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200